

September 6, 2020 *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 5th, 5:00 pm
David Smith
by Sandy and Colin Peterson

Sunday, September 6th, 8:00 am
Kristin Melfi Fournier

Sunday, September 6th, 10:00 am
Chris Dixon

Sunday, September 6th, 1:00 pm
People of the Parish

Monday, September 7th
No Mass

Tuesday, September 8th
† Wayne Johnson
by Annamarie and Eddie Ferris

Wednesday, September 9th
Jim Geitz

Thursday, September 10th
John Howard

Friday, September 13th
Barbara Mahaffrey

Saturday, September 14th, 5:00 pm
† Captain Gerald F. DeConto, USN
by Anneva and Dave White

Sunday, September 15th, 8:00 am
† Donna Scott
by Jeanette and Paul Duncan

Sunday, September 15th, 10:00 am
People of the Parish

Sunday, September 15th, 1:00 pm
† Wayne Johnson
by Rev. Richard C. Wilson

Parish Support

The offertory collection for August 29th and 30th was \$4,129.00. **This includes \$777.00 from online giving.** This is \$1,271.00 under our weekly goal of \$5,400.00.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day.

A Promise to Protect, A Pledge to Heal
Our goal at St Mary remains that the Parish be aware of and support the Safe Environment we seek to foster.

*Thank you for worshipping with us!
If we can help you in your walk with Christ in any way, please call the church office.*



Pray for the homebound, those in healthcare centers, and those who need your continuous thoughts and prayers:

Elizabeth Flaherty-Lovy, Tracey Green Wakeland, Bonnie Geitz, Sydney Johnson, James A. Harrelson Jr., Kristin Melfi Fournier, Chris Dixon, Jim Geitz, John Howard, Barbara Mahaffey, Frank Del Duca, Carolyn Hicks and Betty Barr.

Pray for the speedy, or continued, recovery of:



Keith Williamson, Aric Burks, Victoria Beltran, Michael Bryant, Jr, Karen Smith, Kevin Mattero, Sandy Hill, Jane Sementilli, Nancy Engel, "Bud" Williamson, Jack Myer, Jim Lauro, Addison Stringer, Sean Sheely, Irene Burks, Elijah Davis, Rachel Ecle, Wallace Moulton, Bill Jackson, Joe Larimore, Cynthia Dawson, George Nichols, Jennifer Gray, Nancy Harvath, Andrew Childers, Cameron Cook, Joanne Urso, Bryan Couture, Joan Kenny Marshall, Ellie Thomas, Donna Jones, Dr. Matt Stover, Carol Lusby, Brandie Barr, John Benford, Christi Sorokach Miller, John Belusz, Pat Teel, Shelly Rossi, Hal Ness, James DelGuidice, Dan South, Frankie Prox O'Donnell, Anthony Maslowski, Kim Howard, Winifred Poit, Hayley Wolfe, Jamison Dumm, Chuck Vanover, Arthur Cannon, Sandra Garrett, Murrey Lord, Shelly Savage, Diane Cuptray, Mateo Lara, Lorna Campagna, Konrad Zeiske, Krystina Millar, Theresa Michau, Savannah Marie Mincey, Paul Renault, Gregorio Viray, Barbara Dumm, Mark Mercer, Linda DiPetrillo, Maureen Delahunt, George Chiha, Tammy Miychell, Victoria Barr, Maria Handy, Francy Green, James Manford, Pasquale Manto, Thomas Lusby, James A. Harrelson, III, Laura Saparito Leach, Mike Sorokach, Daniel Vega, Mandy Moore, and Nick Nicoletti.

Pray for those in our Military:

Jonathan Greene, Brandon Parker, Joseph Fairfield, Sheena McGee, J. Thomas Joseph, Jason A. Schroeder, Tirik Drayton, Jay Rivers, and Brian Eduardo Vazquez.

If you would like to add or delete a prayer request, or if you or someone you know is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish office at 843-546-7416. **If you want the Prayer Chain to pray for you, please call Faye Altman at 843-546-8301.**



The Knights Corner
"Holy Family Light Our Way in Love and Charity"

The September Food Pantry Drive will be next weekend, September 12th - 13th. Please bring any canned or dry food donations and place in the boxes in the Narthex at St. Mary's Church. All donations will be delivered the following Monday to St. Cyprian Outreach and to Georgetown Helping Hands.

Joseph M. Ros Sr. Council 3067 would like to welcome a new knight to our Council: William F. Peterson (407-860-1443) and his wife Frances, who have recently built a house on some family property in McClellanville and transferred to our Council from West Volusia Council 6274 in DeLand Florida. William is a 1st Degree Knight and while they are just getting acclimated, he indicates that he and his wife Frances are looking forward to getting active and involved in our Church and our Council! We hope to see him at our Thursday, September 10th membership meeting at Maryville Social Hall.

As agreed to at our August 19th Board Meeting, our next regular Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 at Maryville Social Hall (2009 S. Fraser St, Georgetown, S.C.). With COVID19 precautions, facial masks/coverings will be required and the tables will be safely spaced to comply with the required spacing. Further, for now we will discontinue the regular social dinner prior to our meeting and we will start at 6:30 pm with the normal program by our Lecturer Tommy Howard Sr. The regular Business Meeting will follow and it should last until approximately 7:30 pm. Light refreshments will continue to be offered. Hope to see you there, as we safely recommence our normal busy charitable schedule for this Fall!

Donations have started to come in for our Annual Knights of Columbus 4th Degree commitment to the maintenance of the Georgetown County War Memorial Monuments located between the VFW and the American Legion at Broad and Church Streets. Please be reminded that with the matching fund pledge of up to \$2500, one of our Sir Knights has pledged to match these donations for our 2020 campaign! Please mail contributions to "Knights of Columbus Assembly 3272", memo: GCWMM Fund, c/o St. Mary's, 317 Broad St., Georgetown, SC 29440.

Our Council has recently agreed to once again support a second Seminarian for this coming year. While Brother Hardy Aguilar CRM has just completed his seminary work and has accepted a special 1-year assignment at the Vatican, we once again committed another \$500 donation to second year pre-theology seminarian, Daniel Perry (Spartanburg), at St. Vincent de Paul Seminary in Florida. And we recently accepted a new seminarian who will be studying as a first year pre-theology seminarian at Theology College in Washington, DC, Trenton Redmond (from St. Andrews, Myrtle Beach). For now, due to COVID19 precautions, we are on hold to scheduling our regular Seminarian Fundraiser Breakfasts so we will have to be creative in raising these important funds in the coming months!

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Weekly Readings

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Rom 13:8-10
Mt 18:15-20
Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Ps 13:6abc Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14b, 23-24
Lk 6:27-38
Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 12 Lk 6:39-42
Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18 Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

PARISH EVENTS

St. Mary's Altar Society

St. Mary's Altar Society meets every third Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the parish hall. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.



Mass Intentions for 2020 may be arranged by calling the Parish Office at 843-546-7416.

To dedicate Flowers for the Altar for 2020

please contact the Parish Office to confirm names and dates.



Liturgical Roles

Sept 12th Saturday 5:00 pm	Sept 13th Sunday 8:00 am	Sept 13th Sunday 10:00 am
Lectors: L Lauro	R Humphries	C Howard
Ushers: J Lauro P Medved C Peterson	D/T Corvelli J Joseph T Clarke	T Macmanus D Canna H Moore E Kimbrough
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: N/A	N/A	N/A
Altar Servers: D/T Macedo	J & J Espinoza	J Duncan
Altar Care: D Macedo	C Humphries	L Ortiz
If you are unable to serve when you are scheduled, please remember to find a substitute.		

Gospel Study Group meets every Wednesday, at 9:30 am in the parish hall. We look forward to seeing you there! All are welcome. Due to the coronavirus, meetings are canceled until further notice.

★ **New Daily Mass and Adoration Schedule** ★

Daily Mass will no longer be held on Mondays. This Mass has been moved to Friday. **On Fridays, Mass will be at 5:30 pm followed by Adoration from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education will continue after the 8am and 1pm Sunday Masses until the end of September. There will be no registration after the 10am Mass. If you cannot make it after Mass, please call the office to make an appointment to register your child. Lessons for all grade levels will begin on Sunday, September 27th at 11:15 am until 12:30 pm.

RCIA Class

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin in October. Anyone interested in registering for the class should contact the office.

Second Collection Next Weekend

This year, due to the pandemic caused by the Corona virus, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. That is why Pope Francis has accepted the request to move this gesture of sharing that concerns the whole Church to September 13th. The collection in favor of the Holy Land is a small gesture of solidarity that the whole Church is called to make in order to support through the Custody of the Holy Land, the Christian communities that are in the Holy Land and feel the weight and also the glory of the Cross of Jesus on their shoulders.

3rd Annual SC Life Conference

Saturday, September 12, 2020 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Learn more about the most important issue of our day, from the most knowledgeable and respected Pro-Life leaders in our State.
Location: 1. Pastoral Center Assembly Hall, 901 Orange Grove Rd., Charleston, SC 29407
2. Fr. Kelly Hall, 105 W. Hudson Ave., Folly Beach, SC 29439 (Two locations to keep social distancing)
Virtual by 8/31 \$30 after 8/31 \$35
In-Person by 8/31 \$50 after 8/31 \$55
To Register and for information please visit:
www.Charleston40days.com/pro-life-conference

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Gospel Meditation

It's all about reconciliation and conversion, not punishment. Relationships are not static adventures but wonderful gifts that continue to develop, grow, change, and mature. We are meant to be social beings, so isolating ourselves from others is rarely helpful. But, because human beings are on the one hand tremendously gifted, talented, and blessed creations, they are on the other also flawed, broken, and sinful. We all need to humbly admit that we are works in progress and not only capable of enriching each other's lives but causing deep hurts and wounds as well. Hence, we always need to be reconciled. We are always growing, changing, and expanding our knowledge of who we are and how we are meant to share life together.

Because reconciliation and conversion are always part of the mix of life, honesty is crucial. Without honesty, we can easily find ourselves living a lie and causing more harm than good. Being able to freely share our feelings, especially those involving pain and hurt, is a charism necessary to pursue and an art to learn. When we are wronged or wrong someone else, we do not enjoy the confrontation that can and needs to come. We are taught to keep our feelings to ourselves, especially when they are negative, and we tend to avoid difficult conversations. Hence, we never really learn how to confront another, successfully resolve conflict, find reconciliation, and welcome conversion. When we hurt or wrong someone, it does not mean that we are a bad or sinful person who deserves only punishment and excommunication. Quite the opposite! We are simply a human person who can make poor choices and sin and can be forgiven. We can restore and deepen the relationship that has been affected and find our way home again.

Jesus clearly wants to avoid shame because it has no purpose in achieving reconciliation and conversion. All broken relationships deserve a chance at reconciliation. Every person has room for growth and a need for conversion. We have to learn to be okay with honesty and not be afraid to hear and process what someone needs to say, even if it is difficult for us to hear. Severing a relationship, both personally or with the church community as a whole, ought to definitely be a last resort and only pursued when all else has failed.